



THE TOWN sweeper has been kept busy after snow melted. (Photo by J. Jennings) lately clearing streets of the dust and dirt left

Hill wants conservation passes for twp. ratepayers

"Why should you and I as taxpayers have to pay to get into conservation areas?" Reeve Tom Hill asked members of Esqueing Council Monday night.

A constant critic of conservation authority financing, Hill raised the question, after council received notice of their 1972 Halton Region Conservation

Authority levy, along with an offer by H.R.C.A. chairman Barry Humphrey to meet with council to discuss the budget and answer any questions.

"How would you distinguish between taxpayers and those who aren't," Councillor Len Cox asked.

"That's easy," Hill replied

"Just give each taxpayer a pass."

Areas crowded
Hill charged conservation areas are always crowded with outside residents.

"Just try to get into Terra Cotta at noon hour on a Sunday," Hill said. "Go over to Kelso someday and you'll see the same thing. And who's paying for it?"

"Well the people going in are paying something," Cox suggested.

Hill thought perhaps the township might consider refusing to pay its levy.

Cox disagrees
"I think we could think of another way of getting our name in the paper," Cox replied.

Later, resigned to the idea the township must pay the levy, Hill told clerk-treasurer Delmar French "Tell Mr. Humphrey we understand its a levy and there's not much use questioning it."

Esqueing ratepayers contribute in varying degrees to three conservation authorities, Halton Region, Credit Valley and Grand River.

Y.M.C.A. News and Happenings

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The swim club has been launched successfully and there is room for a few more latecomers. The only thing lost this trip was yours truly's cool!

We hope you notice the fine display by our Jr. art club in the Family Store window. Plans for a cartoon and sketching club are still being made.

A girls' basketball team is being formed tonight. We will meet at the High School gym at 7 o'clock tonight and every Wednesday night. Girls 13 to 16 are welcome to come and stretch their legs. I sure would appreciate it if some old girl would come and stretch hers helping me to keep the monsters under control. A whip and chair would be handy, too.

Camp Frightenstein
We hope soon to present a comprehensive camping program in affiliation with Toronto and Hamilton "Y" camp facilities. We are also exploring the possibilities of a day camp and an overnight "Let's Rough it" series of camping expeditions at Blue Springs. (The possibilities are too frightening to imagine!)

We would be pleased to receive any suggestions towards planning a comprehensive summer program.

The Thrift Shop will be open in the afternoon Tuesday April 25 and Thursday evening, April 27. Please remember to save your newspapers for the Knox Young People's paper drive, April 29.

The Road-Runners are holding a dance in the Y this coming Friday for Teeny-boppers.

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Drenched Dan almost part of Spring run-off

One of the greatest armadas since Spain set out to conquer England in Elizabethan times, set sail down the Credit River on Saturday.

Called the Crazy Credit Boat Race, the contest started at Glen Williams and went downstream seven miles to Norval. Hundreds of entries, (and a cast of thousands) scorned the safety of land in an effort to display their fledgling sailing ability, in a variety of classes. Georgetown Jaycees sponsor the annual event.

Among the sailors (sunkers?) participating in the event was Free Press reporter Dan O'Reilly, who set sail down the Credit in a small inflatable plastic (not rubber) raft.

So far, so good
Apparently the journalistic participant completed the first leg of the journey from Glen Williams to Georgetown without too much difficulty, although at one point he had to be pulled to shore by some young boys so he could empty deposits of the Credit which had landed in his Titanic.

After Georgetown, the swirling Credit could be aptly described as The River of No Return. From reliable news sources it is learned Dan was about a mile from the finish line at Norval when he went for a swim. For some reason he couldn't paddle correctly,

going under a tree-lined bank and capsizing his Consumers Distributing pride and joy. mure from the finish line at Norval when he went for a swim. For some reason he couldn't paddle correctly, going under a tree-lined bank and capsizing his Consumers Distributing pride and joy.

Thanks to a life preserver and a good knowledge of swimming, plus help from a shore patrol officer, he didn't sail on into Lake Ontario. But, of course, if events had taken a different turn, it might have made for great copy with a black headline, "Credit Conquers Correspondent."

O'Reilly, still wringing out his socks and trying to dislodge gallons of muddy-colored water from his ears, said afterwards he made it to the shoreline without too much difficulty, but couldn't climb out onto the terra firma. "I was so cold I couldn't move," he recalled.

In retrospect, says Drenched Dan, Saturday sailors probably learned a great respect for the awesome power of a river bloated with spring run-offs. Many of them were grateful they had learned how to swim.

Boating enthusiasts in other parts of the province weren't so lucky. About five people drowned over the weekend because of boating mishaps.



REPORTER Dan O'Reilly prepares for a graceful take-off prior to Saturday's Crazy Credit Boat Race held north of Georgetown Saturday. He was doing fine until he was about a mile from the finish line when his craft capsized and he went for a swim in the brown waters of the stream. "Oceans O'Reilly" says it was fun, if a bit cool. (Photo by H. Coles)

Reeve raps boat races

Esqueing Reeve Tom Hill has voiced his dissatisfaction with the operation of Saturday's crazy boat races on the Credit River, near Glen Williams.

Hill is most upset that some roads in the Glen would be completely plugged by traffic during Saturday's races.

Fire danger

"If there'd been a fire in the upper end of the Glen Saturday, the truck wouldn't have made it through, unless it ran somebody over," he charged. Hill said in future council should be notified by organizers

beforehand of plans for the races. He suggested a letter be sent to the Georgetown Jaycees, who sponsor the event.

According to clerk-treasurer Delmar French, traffic was also backed up in Norval for some time Saturday afternoon.

Race accident

The reeve said he knows of one case, in which a seven year old girl had to be thrown to safety on the river banks, when the rubber dinghy she was riding in turned over. Spectators said water flow in the river was the fastest they've seen in years.

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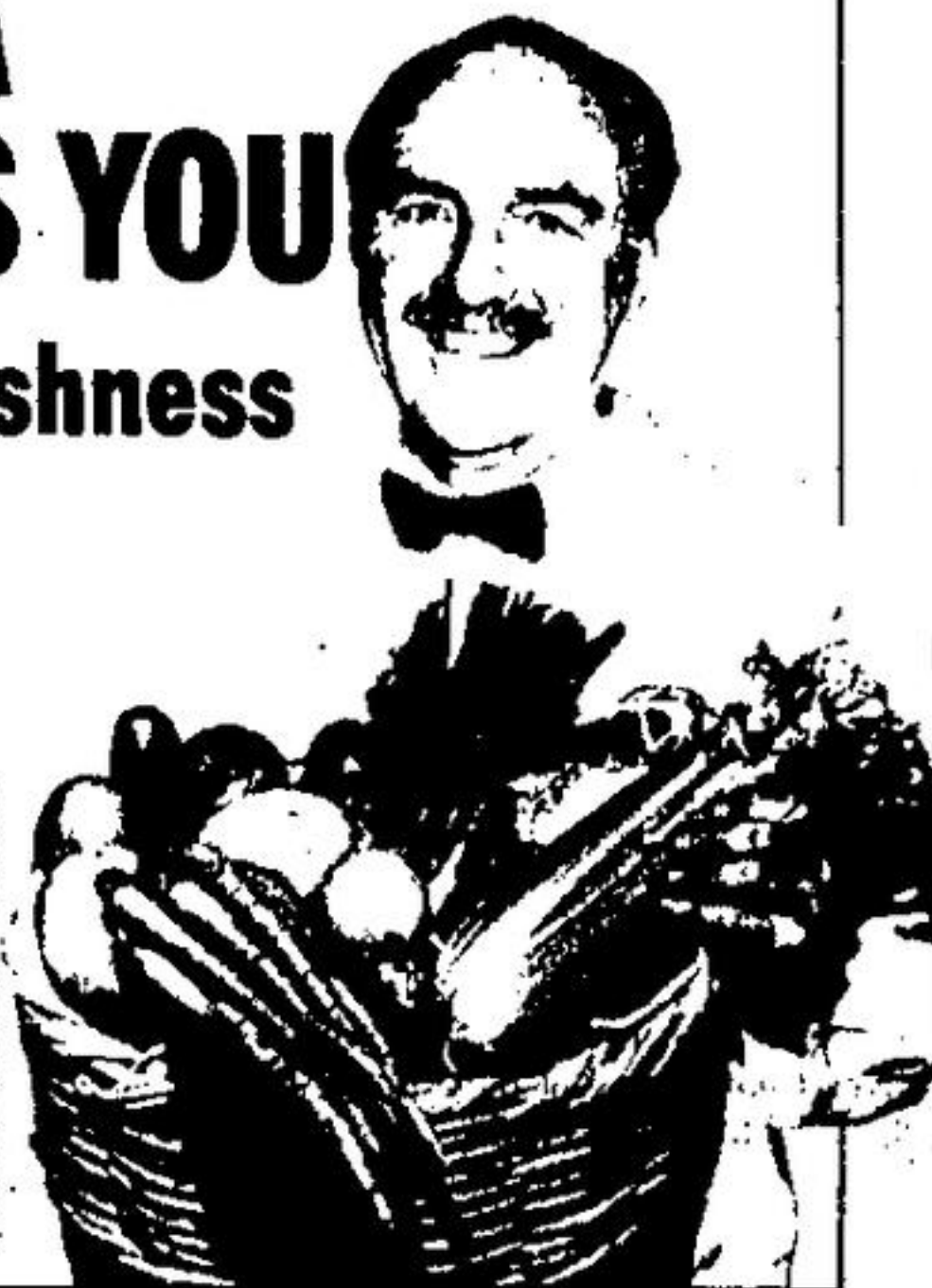
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Residents can send their contributions to Acton's Centennial, Box 100, or make a deposit at any Acton bank.

Out of town contributions are encouraged from old Actonians and friends of Acton.

The "Buy a Brick" program will provide Acton with their own wall of fame.

Acton young people will be helping with a spring clean up this year. It's a great combination to kick off the centennial "Buy a brick" campaign, and provide a helping hand with spring clean up this year.

Spearheaded by the Acton high school students who are working to buy a brick each during the week of April 29 to May 6. Everyone is invited to participate in the project.

Young people will be collecting glass and bottles of all kinds, paper and old tires. These will be sold to raise money.

If you have any odd jobs around the yard let them know. The object is for each one to earn \$3 to buy a brick for the centennial project.

There will be pick-ups two weekends so there will be time for people to collect up their material and have them out for collection.

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